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COMIC CHALLENGES AIR FORCE

KEYHOE COMING TO MICHIGAN

(Special to the Sentinel)

Early in November, Donald E. Keyhoe, author of Flying Saucers Are Real and Flying Saucers from Outer Space and probably the leading civilian saucer authority, will give several lectures throughout Michigan.

He will talk at Detroit on Tuesday, November 9th and at the Saginaw Civic Auditorium, November 10th.

The rest of his schedule has not yet been announced but will appear in the next issue.

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news-release

SAUCER LANDS IN L.A. PARK

Los Angeles-UP-Oct. 12-A Los Angeles man reported seeing a flying saucer land in MacArthur park and "a little man in a white suit get out."

A truck then came and carted away both the saucer and the little man, the observer said.

He would have taken the truck's license number, he said, except that the fog closed in and he couldn't see any more.

The witness refused to give his name "because everybody would think I was crazy."

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(A Saucer Sentinel Exclusive)

In the December issue of "Weird Science-Fantasy," a comic book published by the Fables Publishing Company of New York, the editors have challenged the United States Air Force.

The cover of the magazine shows an artist's conception of a flying saucer and in large letters proclaims, "Special Issue! E.C. Challenges the U.S. Air Force with this illustrated factual Flying Saucer Report. Documented Evidence! Names-Places-Dates-Quotes."

On the inside of the cover they explain, "Up to now, E.C. has dealt with "The Flying Saucers" in a fictional manner, weaving stories around reported sightings. This time we have laid "Fiction" aside. This time we have used only 'Actual Facts.'"

Their challenge reads as follows:

"Of the hundreds and hundreds of cases collected for this report, we have ignored any that did not come from competent trained authorities.

"We have used only those sightings reported by Army and Civilian Pilots, Scientists, Technicians, and in one instance, that of an ordained minister.

"All statements in this report surrounded by quotation marks are verbatim accounts from authentic sources.

"What we have done here is attempted to show the inconsistencies and incongruities of the Air Force's wavering attitude toward this perplexing problem.

"We believe that the public has been confused...that the facts have been muddled...that there is much more to the 'Flying Saucer' than the

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our readers speak
LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR

Another Reader Criticizes Book

...Since receiving your first issue I read a book about the flying saucers. It is called Aboard a Flying Saucer by Truman Bethurum. This book claims to be non-fiction and a true account of factual experience. This last statement is a great shock to me, for I have never read anything more ridiculous. It isn't even a good yarn; but the thing that worries me is the fact that publishers think nothing of calling a book a true account of factual experience.

There have been many wonderful imaginary stories written and they didn't have to call them "factual" to make them good. It seems to me that publishers and writers are stooping to an all-time low when they write something like this Aboard a Flying Saucer and claim it to be factual. In all the 10 or 12 visits this author had with the crew and captain of this saucer, never did he make a serious attempt to prove what he saw.

I call it a weak imagination when this author describes these visitors in terms of "buttons, belts, buck-

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the editor comments
SAUCER SENTIMENTS

The plastic balloons the Air Force is launching (p.5c.2) will serve them a twofold purpose. Besides giving them information about air currents they can easily explain that anyone reporting a flying saucer in the next few months was merely watching one of these afore-mentioned gas-filled bags.

Keep in touch with your local bookstores. Major Donald E. Keyhoe has two new flying saucer books in preparation. Also additional magazine articles.

Watch "Letters-to-the-Editor" for more criticisms of Truman Bethurum's Aboard a Flying Saucer. It is a book I certainly would not recommend to anyone doubtful as to the existence of flying saucers. It is far from convincing.

I wonder if the group now staging a campaign against terror comic books would call the special "flying saucer issue" of "Weird Science-Fantasy" (p.1c.1) another evil magazine which can only result in corrupting the minds of our modern youths.

In a letter appearing on the editorial page of the October 8th Detroit Free Press, a Birmingham man tells how, after attending the Desmond Leslie lecture, he has come to the conclusion that flying saucers are being "bested by clever sorcerers." Although Leslie did his best to discourage any cultists who may have been present, the writer goes on to say that he received the impression that there is an offensive supra-cult developing "appealing to the credulous albeit sincere members of our flock, who find in the fable of the good little men from other planets a chimeric substitute for the hard true way to spiritual and social betterment enunciated long ago by the Son of God."

Does this vocabularian remember that after consulting some of the top religious leaders of the country, Leslie stated that they are 100%

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a regular feature
AVAILABLE SAUCER LITERATURE

Books

The following books are, as far as we know, the only books thus far published dealing principally with flying saucers. They should all be available for the prices listed below at your local bookstore.

Behind the Flying Saucers, Frank Scully, Henry Holt and Company, $2.95.

Flying Saucers Are Real, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company. (This book is no longer available from the publisher as it has been out-dated by Keyhoe's second book and therefore cannot be purchased at most bookstores.)

Flying Saucers Have Landed, Desmond Leslie and George Adamski, Werner Laurie and British Book Centre, $3.50.

Flying Saucers from Outer Space, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, Henry Holt and Company, $3.00.

Flying Saucers on the Attack, Harold T. Wilkins, Citadel Press, $3.50.

The Coming of the Saucers, Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer, privately published by the authors. A copy may be purchased by sending $4.00 to Ray Palmer, Amherst, Wisconsin.

Aboard a Flying Saucer, Truman Bethurum, DeVorss and Company, $3.00.

Magazines

Saucers, edited by Max B. Miller, published approximately quarterly by Flying Saucers International, P.O. Box 35034, Los Angeles 35, Calif. Write to the above address for further information.

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Sentinel Contest News!
The lastest news-bulletins!
Letters-to-the-Editor!

PLUS

At least one new regular feature which will be added!!!

second of a series
BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH (A Review)

Flying Saucers from Outer Space by Major Donald E. Keyhoe. Published by Henry Holt and Company. $3.00.

THE AUTHOR: Major Keyhoe is a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He has worked closely with the U.S. Air Force agency investigating the saucers. In a letter to the publishers, Albert M. Chop, the Air Force press specialist on flying saucers, said that they recognized Keyhoe as a responsible accurate reporter and that his long association and cooperation with the Air Force qualifies him as a leading civilian authority on this investigation.

THE BOOK reveals the attitudes and actions of the Government in their investigation of flying saucers.

The author discusses the important and/or more publisized saucer sightings including the Eastern Airlines space-ship report, the Coleman-Gulf of Mexico sighting, the Mantell case, the Norfolk sighting plus dozens more.

Keyhoe explains why the public has never been told the truth about unidentified flying objects.

The Appendix contains the official list of sightings cleared for the author as well as reproductions of the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet and the Electronics Data Sheet, which provide the Project with complete, detailed information on the sightings.

PRESS NOTICE: "Keyhoe thoroughly and convincingly cracks Dr. Donald H. Menzel's temperature inversion theories as a basis for saucer sightings which were widely publicized last year." ---Los Angeles Mirror.

CONCLUSION: This is the best book as yet published on flying saucers. I feel this book is "must" reading for everyone whether they are presently interested in the subject or not. Keyhoe, indeed, has done an excellent job.

(Editor's Note: Because of the increasing number of books being published this column will now appear in every issue instead of monthly.)

an exclusive Sentinel feature
ANNOUNCING A NEW CONTEST!

In an effort to still further improve and expand this paper, we are opening a contest to all readers. There are no age requirements, or entry fees. The idea of the contest is thus. We need pictures, articles, opinions, new subscriptions, etc. Readers can help out and in return get a chance to earn money for the work. Points will be awarded accordingly and when the contest is over, the ones with the most points will receive prizes. Here are the details.

The contest opens immediately and closes about June 1st, 1955. All readers are eligible no matter where you live, what your age or whether or not you believe in saucers. You may earn points in the following ways.

PICTURES. I desperately need pictures for the Sentinel. Whether it is a photograph you took with your own camera or a picture from a local paper--send it in! If it is used you will receive points as follows: for an original photograph, 20 pts. per line. (Note: All points, with the exception of one, are awarded "per line." This means you receive that many points for each line it occupies in the Sentinel. Therefore for an original shot which is one column wide and 15 lines deep, you would receive 300 points.) For a picture you found in a newspaper or magazine, eight points per line.

NEWS ARTICLES. Everyday throughout the country, dozens of articles concerning flying saucers appear in local newspapers and magazines. Be on the lookout for these articles as they are worth points to you. For every such article submitted you will receive: 6 points per line if it is used as the lead article; 5 points per line if it is used elsewhere on the first page; and 4 points per line if it is used elsewhere in the Sentinel (not on the first page). When submitting articles be sure to include the date it appeared.

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Comic Challenges Air Force (Cont.)

Air Force cares to admit.

"We believe that the public should be kept informed of all developments in the 'Flying Saucer' story.

"We have reason to believe that a group within the Air Force does not agree with this.

"We believe that this group, though in the minority, is in control.

"We shudder to think of the chaos that could be caused if an uninformed unprepared public was suddenly and shockingly confronted with tangible proof of the 'Flying Saucer's' origin.

"This report is an attempt to inform and prepare the public for this possibility.

The Editors"

The first case listed concerns the British Comet Jet-Liner crash of 1952. It includes a photostatic copy of an original United Press teletype stating that the crash occurred when the plane was struck in the air by a "fairly heavy body."

The other cases included in the magazine are the Eastern Airlines Case, the Gormon-Fargo case, the Mantell-Godman case, the Muroc Air Force Base Case, the United Airlines Emett, Idaho case, the description of an explosion seen on Mars by a noted Japanese astronomer, the Government's December 27, 1947 release, three 1950 sightings including the Hamilton Air Force Base case, 1951 sightings including the famous Kaliszewski-Moore statements, 1952 sightings including the Utah pictures, the Indianapolis case, and the saucers over Washington, D.C. and ends up with a listing of recent developments.

In this last section, the editors report on the 1954 Los Angeles meeting between representatives of the nation's airlines and Military Air Transport Service to discuss the Cirvus Plan, and the balloon experiment of the Canadian Government's Project "Magnet" is described.

In summarizing the report, E.C. asks the Air Force seventeen ques-

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Announcing A New Contest (Cont.)

OPINIONS. In almost every issue you will find a feature entitled, "Our Readers' Opinion," giving our readers a chance to express their views on important saucer controversies. It will be worthwhile for you to jot down your ideas on a postcard and send them in. Five points per line for your opinion if it is published.

MANUSCRIPTS. As mentioned in the masthead, we always invite our readers to send in manuscripts. Besides receiving full credit in the Sentinel you will be awarded 7 points per line if your work is published. (No fiction please!)

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS. For every new subscription you secure for us, 25 points will be added to your score. Get all your friends to subscribe. So that you can receive credit, merely have each friend mention your name. (A sample copy will be sent free of charge to anyone not already on our lists.)

The prizes will be as follows: First prize; a record will be kept of how many points are earned altogether by our readers. For every 2000 points earned, one dollar will be set aside for the winner with a minimum set at $4.00. Therefore, if there are 14000 points earned by the time the contest ends, the winner will receive seven dollars. This is not as meager as it sounds. For instance, if one of you readers would have submitted this issues lead article (p.1 c.1) you would have received

Second prize; Your choice of any one of the books listed on page 3.

Contest standings will be published periodically in future issues of the Sentinel.

Editor's Note: Even if you don't wish to enter the contest, you can still help us by remembering that we are looking for the items listed above. Thank you!

BE SURE TO WATCH THE NEXT ISSUE FOR AN EXCITING REPORT ABOUT A FLYING SAUCER'S LANDING IN DEARBORN.

news-release
NOT SAUCERS!

Forth Worth, Texas-AP-Oct. 10-Any mysterious white balls or flashing lights seen moving across the United States every day from now to Dec. 15 high in the air, will have no connection with flying saucers, the Air Force announced.

They will be 37-foot plastic balloons, released near Tracy, Calif., and designed to rise to 38,000 feet where winds of 28 to 110 miles an hour will float them east.

Timing devices will explode the gas-filled bags after two or three days' travel, and 300 pounds of "experimental equipment" will parachute to the ground, to be turned over to the nearest air base by anyone discovering them.

DETROIT FLYING SAUCER CLUB MEMBERSHIP GROWING AT A FANTASTIC RATE
(A Saucer Sentinel Exclusive)

Several months ago in Detroit a group of interested citizens got together and formed what is probably the fastest growing organization in the country, the Detroit Flying Saucer Club.

Their attendance record runs as follows: July 9th, 250; August 19th, 450; September 22nd, 850; September 28th, 1335. The last three meetings have been SRO.

Approximately July 1st it was announced that a group of sincere individuals were seeking interested persons to form the club, which would function by itself, independent of any organized body then existing in Detroit.

The purposes of the club as stated then were (1) to spread, enlighten and share in programs dealing basically with information pertaining to Flying Saucers; (2) to attend, whenever possible, regular periodic programs wherein local neighborhood leaders, chairmen and members could comment on sightings, exchange ideas and in general become aware of the Saucer picture as it is presenting

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Detroit Saucer Club (Continued)

itself; (3) to invite qualified national "Saucer" speakers to Detroit, that the populace may be enlightened by authoritative information unavailable elsewhere; also to act as "reservoirs of resource" when called upon, by our furnishing competent non-professional speakers of our own to enlighten areas wherever such information may be sought; and (4) to engage in whatever aspect of Saucer interest that especially appeals to you. It would be a particular aim not only to supply and recommend at all times the latest Flying Saucer literature, but to purchase books for libraries over the city and state, as a freewill project of the Flying Saucer Club of Detroit.

The club is primarily an educational non-profit organization. Without coercion and democratic in spirit, all members are granted equal rights and sanction of expression within justifiable limits. The aim is to always uphold the TRUTH of the Saucer picture, to keep the standards high and above reproach and to share equally in the responsibilities of fulfilling such an ideal.

According to the Flying Saucer Researchers, a civilian group in Brooklyn, N.Y., the Detroit club is one of 16 civilian organizations in this country to learn more about flying saucers.

In a Detroit News article entitled "Detroit Club Out to Prove Flying Saucers Are No Joke," it was stated that "they (civilians) are not satisfied with the Air Force report that more than 20 per cent of unidentified objects sighted in the sky can be traced to aircraft, balloons, stars or other familiar objects."

The article goes on to say that one of the leaders of the Detroit club, A.B. Reeve, former chief inspector of American Motors Corporation's Kelvinator division and a graduate of Yale University and the

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Saucer Sentiments (Continued)

behind the study of saucers as the possibility that there is life on other planets if fully in agreement with the teachings of the Bible. In a forthcoming issue the Saucer Sentinel will take a poll of how many readers are interested in flying saucers mainly because of the religious aspects. I predict the number will appear surprisingly small to our Birmingham friend.

The Los Angeles man who reported a flying saucer landing in MacArthur Park (p.1c.1) probably did see men in white suits but I doubt if they were from farther away than an L.A. hospital.

To clear up an error on my part: it was not George Adamski who gave a lecture at the Bancroft Hotel last summer, here in Saginaw. It was Mr. John Otto of Chicago who had an audience of barely fifty people. The small attendance was attributed to bad publicity and weather.

Letters-to-the-Editor (Continued)

kles, hats, skirts, etc." Neither would I expect a visitor from the outer spaces to call his craft a "scow." At the end of the book he states that he expects to take a trip on this saucer some day and then he hopes to write another book.

This seems like a worthwhile idea!

Alden B. Dow
Midland, Mich.

Although it is printed in the book, "DeVorss & Co., Publishers," they are really not a publisher but merely a large printing firm. I would imagine that Mr. Bethurum merely paid them to print his book and therefore they would have no authority to decide whether or not it was "a true account of factual experience." -ED.

APOLOGIES!!

The reason you are receiving this issue several days late is because I was compelled to be out of town all last weekend which was of course the publishing date. -ED.

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DESMOND LESLIE VISITS DETROIT, Part 2

When Desmond Leslie visited Detroit last month his lecture was so well received that it was given complimentary write-ups which appeared on the front pages of two Detroit newspapers, the Free Press and the News. The Detroit Flying Saucer Club's good publicity completely filled the large auditorium of the Detroit Institute of Arts (capacity 1335) and still hundreds were turned away. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed by most.

In issue number one of the "Vinama," official publication of the DFSC, it is reported, "It was tremendously gratifying having Desmond Leslie with us September 28th. Not only did he bring an air of Continental exhiliration to us, but his boyish maturity reflected complete unworldliness, which is how we want our Saucer spokesmen to be...Needless to state, we want him back here again in March, when he goes on a National Lecture Tour."

In a personal interview with Leslie by this reporter, her said that he believes what the women and children saw at Sutton, West Virginia (Sutton Monster story, pp. 116-20, Flying Saucers from Outer Space) could very well have been a saucer but that there actually was no monster. Because one of my readers had asked me why astronomers hadn't seen the saucers although I had given this reader my answer. Leslie replied that many of the sightings have come from astronomers, both amateurs and experts. In answer to anoth of my questions he stated that he doesn't believe there are any robots on other planets as are depicted in movies and comics.

CLUB RECEIVING MORE PETITIONS DAILY

The petitions which the DFSC has been circulating (Saucer Sentinel, No. 2, page 1) are still being received daily by the club office. To quote the Vinama, "We are grateful to find that the response to this request has brought ten to fifty names each day, and that soon we shall be over the thousand mark!! To those who have been so conscientious, many, many thanks." Petitions may still be obtained from the Sentinel.

Detroit Saucer Club (Continued)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has not seen a saucer but is convinced that the objects others have seen are from other worlds.

Henry Maday, DFSC chairman and sales manager for a directory company said, "We want the public to stop thinking that anyone interested in flying saucers is crazy."

At the August 19th meeting of the club, more than 25 persons indicated they had made sightings and six described what they saw. Mrs. Laura Marxer, vice chairman of the club advised members to get witnesses as soon as they saw saucers "to avoid frustrations and raised eyebrows."

John Otto was the special speaker at the September 22nd meeting. Mr. Otto, patent development engineer, member of the Chicago Rocket Society, pioneer space commentator and member of Saucers International spoke on "An Analysis of Latest Evidence" which was followed by audience participation from the floor.

The September 28th meeting at which Desmond Leslie spoke has been, of course, already reported in this paper.

In concluding, our congratulations to the Flying Saucer Club of Detroit for their marvelous success.

Comic Challenges Air Force (Cont.)

tions. I, myself, would certainly like to hear the USAF answer even one of these questions.

My congratulations go to the editors of "Weird Science-Fantasy" for publishing one comic book which should do wonders to inform the American public on the facts of flying saucers. It would be worthwhile for our readers to check their local newstands for a copy of this special issue.